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*William Carlos Williams*

Who can tell? I might be
A credit to my Lady Happiness
And never think anything
But a white thought!

*William Carlos Williams*

## PLUMS

It is a waste of time to talk to my cousin about his plums,
Though I know—
standing on the path with the sun in my hair
I make a sufficiently pleasing picture.
The plums are soft with bloom, and luscious purple—
If I took a step forward and held out my green smock,
Looked up and laughed at him,
He would throw them, showering rain-drops, into my lap,
And, quickly descending,
Slide his arm round my waist and—probably—kiss me.
Shall I go, I wonder?—
No, I will have none of these things.

*P. T. R.*